



March 17, 2017

Representative Helm  
Chair, House Committee and Energy and Environment  
Oregon State Legislature

Dear Chair Helm and Members of the Committee:

The Northwest Energy Efficiency Council (NEEC) supports HB 2710 and the positive effect it would have to improve building energy efficiency in Oregon and support the greater proliferation of electric vehicles.

NEEC is a non-profit trade association representing businesses in Oregon that provide energy efficiency products and services. We know first-hand of the positive outcomes that accrue to owners when energy efficiency is designed and constructed in buildings from the beginning. HB 2710 recognizes that Oregon, as a national leader in energy efficiency innovation, is well positioned to develop and implement energy code requirements that move the state's built environment toward net zero energy performance.

Moreover, the bill's focus on the supportive infrastructure for electric vehicle charging appropriately recognizes and supports this transformation in our transportation system.

Taken as a whole, HB 2710 provides the Oregon Building Codes Division with good guidance in moving the state toward clean energy outcomes that will ultimately benefit all Oregonians, both economically and environmentally.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan Price", is written over a horizontal line.

Stan Price, Executive Director